

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths. . . (*Ephesians 4:29*)

In his fine memoir *Reflections on My Call to Preach*, Fred Craddock uses a phrase that I had not heard before. As if quoting a proverb, he places quotation marks around the words of a piece of folk wisdom which he has long known and frequently used.

At two unrelated points in the book Craddock writes, “He tempered the wind to the shorn lamb.”

The only common thread connecting his use of this phrase is the context of dialogue or conversation. At one point, Craddock applies the words to his mother and the way she spoke with her children. “She knew children could ask questions beyond their ability to deal with a full answer.” In another place, Craddock applies the same phrase to God’s call and the mystery with which God deals with us in varied ways as he reveals his will.

The saying is picturesque. Our gracious God “tempers the wind to the shorn lamb.” God will not unleash bitter winds when the lamb is exposed and unprotected. Neither should we.

We would do well to temper our words, to gauge carefully the Fahrenheit of our language. Our words have the power to scald and burn. Our words can also chill to the bone. Either way, words that are not tempered tend to leave a trail of wreckage. I have seen it happen many times in the churches I have served.

In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, a singular verse gives practical biblical definition to this folk wisdom. Paul wrote, “Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.” This verse merits careful and leisurely meditation. The negative command—let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths—is followed by three positive phrases that tell us how to “temper the wind to the shorn lamb.” Read it one more time, slowly, and notice what Paul is saying about the Fahrenheit of our language.

First, we should say only those things that are “good for building up.” Seldom are our words neutral in their impact. What we say will either build up or tear down, strengthen or undermine, bless or curse. As you speak to people today and especially at church, consider the overall impact of your words and speak what is “is useful for building up.”

Second, speak words “as there is need.” Sometimes a hard truth needs to be spoken. But whether it has the impact of building up or not might be determined by timing. Consider more than the accuracy or truth of your words. Consider also the timing and speak “as there is need.”

Finally, God intends that our words “give grace to those who hear.” This one phrase reminds us that language is a means of grace. God uses your words to pour his goodness into the lives of others. Consider all who will hear your words, and be a channel of grace in their midst.

Don’t take lightly the power of your words. “Temper the wind to the shorn lamb.”

Christ’s peace is in you,  
Pastor Kingsley

## ***March Leads Us from Lent III to Palm Sunday and Easter***



We marked ourselves as penitent and contrite when we received the ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. That act marked the beginning of our Lenten journey—a season of examining ourselves, of taking stock of our lives, of looking closely at our shortcomings, and of taking steps to set things right. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness preparing for his death, and, as Christians, we spend the time preparing ourselves to arrive at Easter Sunday renewed and deepened in our faith.

I've been looking at what other Christians are doing that might be radically different and might make positive changes in our lives. Here are some interesting tips for a more meaningful Lenten practice, guaranteed to change us from the inside out.

- Pray daily for your enemies
- Get outside everyday and walk in nature or see your neighborhood anew
- Meditate—spend some time in silence
- Journal your experiences of life as it unfolds around you
- Take pictures of things that interest you
- Reduce your media exposure—stop the bombardment of bad news
- Don't allow technology to hold you captive—unplug
- Follow a daily devotional, such as "Our Daily Bread"
- Invite a friend to church
- Practice a random act of kindness each week
- Call someone you've neglected
- Hold peace instead of reacting to every disturbance that arises
- Memorize an uplifting passage that speaks to you
- Sing out loud to yourself
- Reach out and support relief efforts in a country far from you
- Answer these questions for reflection:

- What does it mean to be marked as "Christ's own forever" at baptism?
- What am I sorry for?
- What feels "off" in my life?
- Who do I feel drawn to reach out to?
- What can I do to make a difference in someone else's life?

***"Don't give up for Lent—give out!"***



Starting off the month on March 3, the chancel choir will sing the beloved anthem "Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi." We celebrate Palm Sunday on March 24, when we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Our service on that Sunday begins with the procession of the palms as they are distributed by the youth. Midway through, our service takes a turn as we anticipate the events of Holy Week. The choir will sing Cesar Franck's famous "Panis Angelicus," a very fitting Holy Week anthem.

Our services during Holy Week will be on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. I would encourage you to attend Holy Week services, which are short but meaningful times for reflecting and for remembering the suffering of Jesus who endured the cross for our sins.

March 31 brings us to a glorious celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. We enter the sanctuary in darkness and quiet. The first fire of Easter is lit, the black curtains are pulled from the windows, and we join in singing "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today." We are hoping to again close our celebration this year with "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *The Messiah*.



### **Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Robert Clooney  
Director of Ministry of Music

### **JOIN US FOR THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE – MARCH 28 - 7:30 P.M.**

**SERVICE OF DARKNESS - GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29 – 7:30 P.M.**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – MARCH 31 – 7:00 A.M.**

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP – MARCH 31 – 9:30 A.M.**



## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

February was a very busy month for the Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM). We sincerely appreciate the donated yarn, which will keep our fingers working and the shawls getting to those in need. I thank those of you who sent me e-mails or told me to whom you have given the gifts. If I missed some of you in the following list, please let me know so that I can report back to our wonderful congregation.

- Elfriede Johnson sent a prayer shawl and a heart-shaped pocket shawl to her cousin in Hamburg, Germany, for her daughter who has been ill for eleven months. Elfriede reports that the daughter keeps the pocket shawl under her pillow and loves the shawl when she is in her wheelchair. Elfriede wanted us to know that the ministry is working its magic very far away, in another country, as well as close to home.
- Two lap robes were recently given to Shirley in Unionville, who reported that her granddaughter has two friends who are both thirteen and seriously ill. The granddaughter wanted to help her friends, but she didn't know what to do. Shirley suggested that she take a shawl to each of them and asked if our prayer ministry might have a couple shawls to spare for these young ladies. Of course, we were glad to accommodate. The one girl has an inoperable brain tumor, and the other one has a muscle disease. Both girls have about six months to live, and you can imagine how hard this is on their healthy friend. I understand that the gifts were so appreciated, and Shirley's granddaughter is even thinking of learning to crochet so she can help others. This is a wonderful outreach. Maybe the young lady will tell the people in her church about the ministry and get one started.
- We sent shawls (one lap robe) with Linda and Garfield Clark for Linda's parents, who have had some illnesses lately. Linda's dad was moved to Middletown Park Manor, and I am sure our gift was appreciated.
- A shawl was given to Tina McCloud for a friend who recently found out she has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. We sent along some healing and comforting prayers as well, and Tina was glad to take the gift.
- Our secretary, Pat, let us know that her daughter's father-in-law, Anthony, had emergency surgery for an intestinal mass, which unfortunately was malignant. She made sure he got a lap robe and also sent his wife a shawl. This is the note we received: *"To the Prayer Ministry, Although we don't know each other, Pat Schwetje gave me a lap robe for my husband, Anthony, and a shawl for me, and I felt your love and good wishes in their warmth and beauty. We are connected through our Lord, so we are NOT strangers. I need your prayers for strength, and Anthony needs them for health, so they are deeply appreciated. God bless you all! Thank you very much. Gratefully yours, Carol Olimpaito."* We are glad that Pat sent the shawls to them in New Jersey, and we heard that she recently sent out a pocket shawl as well.
- Orra Wood took a shawl and pocket shawl to ORMC for Mrs. Stover, who is facing lung problems. Also sent was a folder with prayers for her to read while she recovers. Orra said the shawl was so loved and appreciated.
- A couple of friends of mine, who are twins, told me that their aunt had had a stroke. The twins had lost their mother when they were born, so their mother's sister, the aunt, is very important to them. Along with some healing prayers, we sent the aunt a pretty, long, blue and variegated shawl so she can wrap herself in it while she recovers.

As you can see, the gifts flew from our doors this month, and I am sure there were others sent that I was not aware of.

We recently filled up the basket in the narthex with more "Trinity Pocket Shawls." Many of them are extremely soft, and they are small enough for you to keep in a pocket or a purse (or to put under a pillow, as the one lady in Germany did). For those of you who didn't know about these pocket shawls, they are miniatures of the large, triangular shawls that we so often give out. Each pocket shawl has this small poem attached: *A Trinity Pocket Shawl, just for you, To carry with you in all you do...Let it be with you night and day, You will feel the love in many ways.*

These pocket shawls are also given to people going through tough times, to those facing surgery (the doctors often let the patients keep the miniature shawls in the surgical suite), to nursing home patients, etc. Pocket shawls are like small security blankets, but they also let these people know that they are not alone in what they are facing. Please feel free to take one or more anytime you need them. We will try to keep the basket filled. The pocket shawls have various borders, so if you need one for a breast cancer patient, you may find one in pink. Again, thank you for the donation of yarn, which helps us keep this part of our ministry going.

God bless each of you for helping us with this ministry.

Consider yourselves hugged,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth  
PSM Secretary

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### **Easter Lilies**

*If you are interested in ordering an Easter lily for the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please do so by March 17, 2013. Just fill out the form below and give it to Betty Lobb, Carolyn Keller, or Carol Gabella, or place it in the offering plate. The price for each plant is \$12.99 and they can be taken home after the Easter morning service. **If you do not plan to take the plant, please indicate that on the order form so that we may pass it on to a shut in or leave it to continue to beautify the sanctuary for a few more Sundays.** Checks should be written to "First Presbyterian Church" with the words "Easter Lilies" in the memo.*

Thank you,  
Betty, Carolyn, and Carol, co-chairs

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Text to be printed in the bulletin:

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## TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

### HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Gina Gruber</i>	11	<i>Patrick Farley</i>
2	<i>Josephine Bartley</i>	13	<i>Matthew Quinn</i>
4	<i>Jennifer Piller</i>	21	<i>Hannah Taylor</i>
	<i>Deborah Spencer</i>	22	<i>Jeff Kingsley</i>
5	<i>Wendy Paffenroth</i>	25	<i>Jeff Gati, Jr.</i>
7	<i>Betty Lobb</i>	26	<i>Robin Paulus</i>
8	<i>Connor Gati</i>	27	<i>Brooks Church, Sr.</i>
	<i>Robert Lobb</i>	28	<i>Tyler Cox</i>
	<i>Jean Musgrave</i>	30	<i>Grace Cook</i>
9	<i>Karen Magee</i>		<i>Michael Roper</i>
	<i>Logan Fuller</i>	31	<i>Jack Quick</i>

### HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARIES TO:

15     *Bill and Carolyn Keller*

*If you are also celebrating a special day, we wish you much happiness. If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary included, please give your dates to Pat in the church office.*



## Presbyterian Women's Association (PW)

Our first meeting of the new year was held on February 4 in the church parlor. Our attendance was down because that evening was very cold, but those who came managed to accomplish quite a lot.

We received several thank-you notes and cards from the people who received the Christmas boxes and also from those who received the donations for The Guild of St. Margaret Soup Kitchen and The People For People Fund. We also signed cards for many people who needed a little cheer. Fran Hoffmann does an excellent job of keeping on top of this, but there are times when we might miss someone. If you know of someone who needs a card, please tell Fran and she will make sure it is sent right away.

In February was the Church World Service Blanket Drive, and Fran Hoffmann was the spokesperson for this at our church services. We brought in over \$1,000 last year, and we hope we topped that amount this year. Much of the money raised will go to the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

We talked a little about the beautiful brass banisters that now grace our chancel and how they are wonderful additions to our sanctuary. We are sincerely grateful to John Redman and his crew for having the banisters in place on Christmas Eve. We are glad that we had the money in our account, and now we can raise money for something else that is needed for our church.

We discussed the fundraising events we have planned for this year and ways that we can improve or change our events. More information will be coming in the next few months.

Women's World Day of Prayer is scheduled in our church for Friday, March 1. I understand that this is going to be a wonderful service based on the Bible passage "I was a stranger and you took me in."

Our next meeting is on Monday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor. Please come out to see what is going on and to have some great fellowship with your church sisters.

Wendy Lee Paffenroth

**STONE SOUP LUNCHEON**  
**\$5.00 per person/\$15.00 per family**

The Christian Education Committee will have their annual Stone Soup Luncheon on **March 10** during coffee hour. The luncheon supports the theme of sharing and giving. For those of you who don't know the story of stone soup, it is this:

*It tells the story of three hungry soldiers who come into a village and cleverly trick the peasants into sharing their food – by making a lavish soup out of seemingly nothing but stones.* Like the soldier's soup, this recipe turns basically whatever vegetables you have on hand into a hearty meal.

We are asking each of our Sunday school students to bring something for our soup when they first arrive at church on March 10. Please remember to wash and cut up the vegetables that your Sunday school student will bring in. Please bring your contribution to the kitchen prior to worship. The suggested items are:

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|-------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Pre-K | 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped                  |
| K     | a clove of garlic, peeled and chopped               |
| 1     | 1 small cabbage, chopped                            |
| 2     | 3 small potatoes, peeled and chopped                |
| 3     | 3 carrots, peeled and chopped                       |
| 4     | 1 stalk of celery, peeled and chopped               |
| 5     | can of beans                                        |
| 6     | sweet red pepper, chopped                           |
| 7     | zucchini or yellow squash, chopped or a cup of corn |
| 8     | cup of cooked soup pasta                            |

Anyone from the congregation that can contribute something to the luncheon is asked to bring a vegetable or other contribution to our soup. We will provide breads, desserts, and the usual coffee hour beverages. Please plan to attend and share delicious soup (there will be vegan soup as well).

Thank you all for your support. The magic of this event each year comes from the generosity of those who bring something for our soup pot. The soup is always a surprise treat that turns out great every year. *See you there!* We will finish in plenty of time for the St. Patrick's Day Parade!

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**"A FEW GOOD .....ITEMS?"**

The Tiffany Ball Committee is looking for a few good (great) items to be part of our silent auction. If you can donate something that is elegant or beautiful (like those attending the Ball) or antique, please call BA Long at 343-7571. Remember that these donations can be tax deductible with a form from the church.

**“Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the kitchen...”**

**Mark Your Calendars  
4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILI CHALLENGE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

**5:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Sample all chili entries for only \$7.00  
Includes sour cream, onions, cheese, dessert and beverage

Best Individual's Chili  
Best Organization's Chili  
Judges Favorite

\$50 Cash Prize  
plus plaque and bragging rights

All local organizations, firehouses, municipalities,  
businesses, churches and individuals welcome!  
(all teams must be willing to eat their own chili)

**For information and registration call 294-7991**  
**Registration fee \$25**

Proceeds to PRESBYBUILD  
in partnership with HABITAT FOR HUMANITY of NEWBURGH



**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 18th**

**Please join the Deacons for a  
Spaghetti Dinner in Fellowship Hall**

# BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

WHEN: **SATURDAY, March 23, 2013**

TIME: 8:30-10 A.M. OR 10-11:30A.M.

WHERE: **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GOSHEN**

COST: \$6.00 PER PERSON, PAID IN ADVANCE



Included in the price of each paying child's reservation will be tickets for crafts, games, and activities (for children of all ages), and an egg hunt. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet everyone.

BRING YOUR CAMERA TO CATCH THAT SPECIAL MOMENT ON THE EASTER BUNNY'S LAP!

**LIMITED SEATING; DON'T DELAY!!**

Reservations accepted in the church office through March 20

Questions? Call 651-3294 or 294-7991

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## RESERVATION FORM for "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny"

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Seating Time  
on **Saturday, March 23**      \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 to 10:00 OR \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 to 11:30

Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_      Number **AND AGES** of children participating  
and older children \_\_\_\_\_      in breakfast and activities \_\_\_\_\_

(Activities include an egg hunt. Please bring your own baskets.)

TOTAL NUMBER X \$6.00 COST PER PERSON = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924.  
Forms and checks can be dropped off at the church office.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events, which we hope you will enjoy:

**Sunday, March 3—Baked Potato Luncheon:** This luncheon will be hosted by the Fundraising Committee, and all funds will be put toward a new furnace. We will have white and sweet potatoes with all the toppings. The price for the luncheon will be \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

**Sunday, March 10—St. Patrick's Day Parade:** Those who will be going to Nicaragua will be selling hot dogs, burgers, fries, and (new this year) corned beef sandwiches.

**Saturday, March 16—Chili Challenge:** This event will be hosted by the Mission Committee, and the funds will go to PresbyBuild in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Newburgh. A sign-up flyer will be available so you can enter your chili.

**Saturday, April 20—Murder Mystery Dinner, “Murder on the Prairie”:** Before we can advertise further, we need people to play the remaining parts. So far, four parts have been taken and two parts are being reviewed. The following five parts are still open: Miss Norma Picket (school teacher), Margaret Reed (shop owner's wife), Spring Leaf (Native American girl), Eddie Thomas (African farm worker), and Joe Calsis (the barber). Please remember that you do not have to have any background in performing, and you do not have to memorize lines. You will have the script to read or you can ad-lib. Because ad-libbing is what makes the show funny, no practices will be held.

**Friday, April 26—Tricky Tray:** The tricky tray will be hosted by those going to Nicaragua. We would greatly appreciate any donations or gift certificates that you can get from places that you frequent, such as restaurants or salons. We would also appreciate donations of themed baskets and items to go in the baskets. We will also need clear cellophane and tape, as well as filler for the bottoms of the baskets.

If you have any suggestions to add to this list or would be willing to help with any of the events, please let us know.

We were at a Great American Weekend (GAW) committee meeting recently. We know that July is far off, but some exciting things are happening this year. We are planning a car cruise for Friday night and, hopefully, a “Battle of the Bands” for Saturday night. If you know of any bands that would like to show off their music, please let us know.

Another new suggestion for GAW is to have a pie-judging contest. We are looking for interest and bakers, and we are thinking of having two categories: fruit pies and non-fruit pies. Each category would have a first place winner who would receive a money prize. The remainder of the pies would be sold, and the funds would come to the church. If you have any suggestions, please see Darlene Bartley, Geri Corey, or Grover vonPentz.

Just a note—we now have \$3,200 in the roof fund. Thank you for your continued support. Please remember to bring in your buckets.

Our fundraising efforts are always successful with your continued support.

Peace be with you all,

Grover vonPentz, Fundraising Chair  
Darlene Bartley, Co-chair

## **MIDNIGHT RUN UPDATE**

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with our Midnight Run on February 1. I am pleased to say that, even with my late start, we served about thirty people in need. We took sandwiches, soup, coffee, desserts, clothes, shoes, and toiletries and distributed them throughout the night on the streets of New York City. I must say that everyone was happy to see us and was grateful for the items we gave.

There is a possibility of a Brunch Run in September, but I will keep everyone updated when I know for sure. A Brunch Run is done in the daytime in one set, designated place. We serve brunch (eggs, sausage, potatoes, etc., which we cook at the site) and give out the same items we give out during the Midnight Run.

To keep up with the stock of items that are needed, I am taking donations of warm clothing (in men's sizes medium, large, and extra large), men's socks, men's new underwear and undershirts, and toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, washcloths).

Thanks again to all who have contributed by purchasing items or donating money as well as to those who took the journey with me. May God bless you all for helping with this most worthwhile cause.

Lori Baird

## **DEACONS' DOINGS...**

During the last few months, the Deacons decorated the church for the holidays; set up, served, and cleaned up Communion every week; held the annual Deacons' craft fair; sent out the Advent mailing; helped with the holiday services; and, sadly, removed the lovely decorations after the holidays. We are a busy bunch of worker bees, but because we love all of you, we love what we do!

We hope that you will come out and join us for the following upcoming events. We will host our annual Palm Sunday breakfast in Fellowship Hall on March 24 from 7:30 – 9:15 a.m. We will serve French toast and sausage. There is no fee for the breakfast; simply come out and enjoy a wonderful meal and a morning of fellowship with us. We will also host coffee hour that day.

On May 18, we will have a spaghetti dinner fundraiser in Fellowship Hall to benefit the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Please watch the bulletins and the Tower Ties for more information about this event.

The Deacons would like to wish you all a very happy Easter!

Lori Baird  
Moderator of Deacons

**COME JOIN US!  
FOR THE DEACONS**

**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST  
MARCH 24, 2013**

**SERVING FROM 7:30 to 9:15 A.M.**

**Join us for coffee hour too!**



## PRAYER CORNER

**The following members or friends are going through a time in which they have asked for prayer by the church. Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

Vince Ahrens  
The Barron Family  
Mary Lee and Ted Berry  
Haley Buckley  
Laura Colacci's father  
Bruce and Jean Crandall  
Bob Dennis  
Everyone serving in the Military  
Ben Fisher  
Fran Genovese  
Kevin and Sara Hankins  
Carolyn Keller's parents  
Kim  
Jeff Knox  
Patty Lewis  
Steven Longobardo  
The Family of Melissa Martucci  
Jeff Monroe  
Eileen Myslinski  
Nina and Jason  
Ann Ott  
The Family of Marina Peterson  
Loretta Richner  
Kevin Schuler  
Dorothy Sevcik  
Gloria Spradlin and Jimmy  
Sue Stenson  
Judy Thompson  
Joe and Mark VanZandt  
Wendy-Bynum Wade  
The Weinberger Family  
Orra and Dale Wood

Dedra Altizer  
Emily Barry and Family  
Gabriel Bittner  
Sarah Burrows  
Grace Cook  
Shannon Decker  
Joe Destefano  
Evie and Family  
Norm and Sharon Frelinger  
The George Family  
The Hartzel Family  
Bob and Barbara Kennedy  
Roberta Kinnamon  
Lyndsay Krutki  
Charles Li  
Margaretta Macica  
Andy Marussich  
Lisa Montalbano's parents  
Richard Nash  
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen  
Amy Pemberton  
Ilona Reichl  
Ted Sandstrom  
Fred Schwarz  
Sara Simas  
Peggy Srirach  
Bill and Jean Strong  
George Tietz  
Kenya VanZandt  
Jean Wade  
Jo Wolfe  
Phyla Wright

Millie Augere  
JoAnna Becerril  
Brandy Bond  
Mary Carr  
Carol Coon  
Mary Jane DeFreece  
Sally Dorritie  
Mary Lee Farris' sister  
Gabby  
Barbara and George Hankins  
Rosemary Joy  
Laura and Tom Kennedy  
Mae Kratz  
Grace, Frank and Fran Leva  
Robert Lobb  
James Magee  
Evelyn Mercado  
Heather Mustavs  
Steven Neil  
Oretsky Family  
Velma Peters  
Tim Richardson  
Tom Sawyer  
Bryan Scott and Family  
Megan Slasinski  
The Smith Family  
Shawn Thatcher  
Kim Valentini and Family  
Ashley Wade  
Molly Wanat  
Anne Wood's dad

***(If you or someone you know would like to be on this list or if you would like to take a name off the list, please call the church office and the name(s) will be included/omitted next month.)***

# Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

## MARCH UPDATE

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### Niches are Available for Purchase in the Memorial Columbarium

Fifteen niches remain available in the memorial columbarium. Each niche allows for double or single interment with four purchase options:

Payment in Full = \$2,500

12-Month Payment Option = \$250 / month for 12 months (\$3,000)

24-Month Payment Option = \$130 / month for 24 months (\$3,120)

36-Month Payment Option = \$ 90 / month for 36 months (\$3,240)

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### Memorial Pavers

Eleven new engraved pavers will be installed in the spring.

To order a memorial paver for later this year to honor or remember a loved one, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is \$100.

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### “Stewards of Our Garden”

**Please consider lending a hand to help our ‘Stewards’ in keeping the church’s garden neat...**

**It’s really easy!**

*It takes only a couple minutes each month to pick up any litter, pull a weed, or sweep a few pavers clean, and you can help keep our garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up.*

### The MARCH/ early APRIL schedule:

Jen and Gregg Piller:	March 1 – March 15
Beryl Yungman and Sue Varden:	March 16 – March 31
Barbara and George Hankins	April 1 – April 15

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Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Pastor Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093) for any information you need about the Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we shall seek to use our gifts through worship, ministry, and mission, to gather the Church in from the world, to continue to nurture one another, to serve a world still broken, and to exemplify through common values and purposes Christian discipleship to the greater glory of God.

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

### **Class of 2013**

Cecile Ayres  
Cliff Bartley  
Barbara Hankins  
John Redman  
Scott Roper  
Rob Warner

### **Class of 2014**

Linda Clark  
Dom Fontana  
Pat Green  
Bill Hodges  
Karen Magee  
Grover vonPentz

### **Class of 2015**

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Elizabeth Long  
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Sue Varden  
Orra Wood

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John Gruber  
Kari Taylor  
Moses Ukejianya  
Ashley Wade  
Anne Wood

### **Class of 2014**

Diana Bowe  
Brendan Donohue  
Lori Kilmer  
Brian Meek  
Jude Monteleone  
Richard Paulus  
Cheryl Zis

### **Class of 2015**

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Jonathan Laskoski  
Marni Lewis  
Tina McCloud  
Gregg Piller  
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